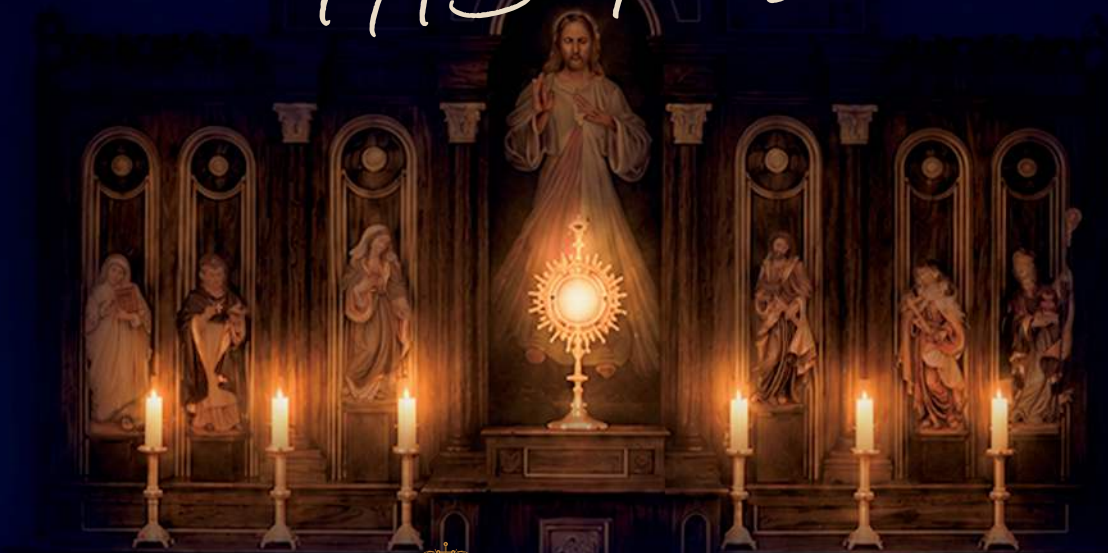




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I Saw a Hand Finishing the Temple

St. John Paul II and St. Faustina: A Prophetic Connection

Saint Faustina Kowalska and Saint Pope John Paul II (Karol Wojtyła) never met in person, yet their spiritual connection profoundly shaped the global devotion to Divine Mercy. In her Diary, Sister Faustina recorded visions pointing directly to Karol Wojtyła decades before his pontificate:

The Simultaneous Canonization (1937): On March 23, 1937 (Diary 1044), St. Faustina envisioned her canonization occurring simultaneously in Rome and in Krakow. Sixty-three years later, on April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized her in a ceremony broadcast live between St. Peter's Square and Łagiewniki.

The Hand Finishing the Temple (1938): On May 8, 1938 (Diary 1689), St. Faustina saw two pillars supporting a grand temple—representing herself and Blessed Fr. Michael Sopoćko—and "a hand finishing the temple." This culmination was realized when Pope John Paul II established Divine Mercy Sunday in 2000 and consecrated the Basilica of Divine Mercy in 2002.

The stained glass window design for our Divine Mercy Chapel beautifully reflects this spiritual union:

Pope St. John Paul II & St. Faustina Kowalska:

Featured side-by-side, depicting the two central figures through whom God's message of mercy reached millions.

Sacred Imagery: Depicts the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Holy Eucharist in a Monstrance at the top, along with St. Faustina holding the Image of Merciful Jesus ("Jesus, I Trust in You").

Inscription: Bottom banner displays the prayer: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

This is an active invitation for every parishioner to draw near to the Heart of Jesus, surrender their cares, and become instruments of that same mercy in our daily lives.

Divine Mercy Chapel Update:

All designs for our stained glass windows have been officially completed and approved by the Bishop. Let us dedicate individual decades or full recitations of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the artists, craftsmen, and workers creating these beautiful windows.



from our pastor

Dear Folks,

It is once again time for our Parish Life Weekend! This is your opportunity to meet some of the wonderful folks who coordinate the many ministries that make our parish work. Some are very visible, some happen quietly behind the scenes, but all of them depend upon parishioners who are willing to give a little of their time and talent.

So, after Mass, please stop by, wander around, ask some questions, and perhaps even sign up for something! If you are reading this bulletin at home later today, I hope you stopped. If you are reading it at breakfast over a cup of coffee, I hope you stopped. And if you are reading this bulletin during Mass... well... you especially have no excuse for not stopping on the way out!

As has become a tradition, purely for your entertainment, and with absolutely no intention of leaving the priesthood for a career in comedy, here are this year's top ten excuses for not signing up for at least one parish ministry:

"I already volunteer. I hold the door open for people at Costco."

"I asked ChatGPT to volunteer for me."

"I am discerning. I have been discerning since the last Ministry Fair."

"My spiritual gift is delegation."

"I don't want to overcommit. I already have Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon Prime."

"I am waiting the Introverts Who Don't Attend Meetings Ministry."

"I would volunteer, but I don't want to deprive someone else of the blessing."

"My children keep me too busy. I was hoping you could sign them up instead."

"My wife already signed me up for three things."

And my perennial favorite: "You talking to me??"

Come and see what is happening in your parish. You don't have to do everything. You don't even have to do a lot. But every one of us has something to offer, and our parish is stronger when we offer it together.

Pax et Bonum,



Very Reverend John P. Mosimann, V.F.
Pastor



Snack Bags for Kids - October

Providing snack bags for the children of Hugh Mercer Elementary who suffer food insecurity on the weekends. St. Mary's to provide snacks on the 2nd THURSDAY of every month.

For OCTOBER we ask that all donations be dropped off NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6.

Please drop off food donations directly to the Parish Office.

Thank you!

Sign Up at bit.ly/4h7VHPB



announcements

St. Mary Coffee & Donut Shop

Following ALL Morning Masses
Come and enjoy some fellowship!

So our priests can join us at the
Parish Picnic, the 3:30pm Confessions
on October 3 are canceled.

contact us

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm
Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30,
2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7pm
8:30 & 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 6:30am, 9am, and 12 noon
Saturday 9am
Holy Days of Obligation, as announced

DEVOTIONS

Adoration, Daily between 6:30am & 9am Mass,
Wednesday 12:30pm - Friday 9am
Divine Mercy, Wednesday, 3pm
First Friday 7pm Novus Ordo (Latin Mass)
First Saturday 8:00am – Fatima Prayers & Rosary
followed by 9am Mass

CONFESSION

Wednesday 11:30am-12pm, 6:30 - 8:30pm;
Saturday, 8-8:30am & 3:30 - 4:30pm

PARISH OFFICE

540-373-6491 fax: 540-371-0251
stmary@stmaryfred.org
stmaryfred.org
Monday - Friday 8:30am - 9pm;
Students staff office weekdays until 9pm,
Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays (Closed)

Very Reverend John P. Mosimann, Vicar Forane, Pastor
Reverend Tim Courtney, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Kevin Dansereau, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Joseph Connor, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Stan Lee, Parochial Vicar

Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski
Director of Operations, Chris Lanzarone
Parish Secretary, Lori Barlow & Gio Camacho
Facilities, Late-Lawson Drackey
Custodial Services, Carmen Sanchez

ADORATION

at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Church Adoration

MONDAY-FRIDAY | 7AM-9AM

Chapel Hours

MONDAY-FRIDAY | 9AM-9PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY | 8AM-8PM

Chapel Adoration

WEDNESDAY | 9AM-12AM

THURSDAY | 12AM - 6:30AM & 9AM-12AM

FRIDAY | 12AM-6:30AM

stmaryfred.org/adoration-schedule

stmaryfred.org

MUSIC

Joseph Ciskanik
Director of Music, musicdirector@stmaryfred.org
Assistant, Music Ministry, Emily D'Isidoro

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

540-286-1600
250 Stafford Lakes Parkway
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234
Principal - Dr. Stephen Fry,
sfry@holycrossweb.com

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY PRESCHOOL

Director, Allison Gardner
540-286-1600

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director, Dr. Katherine Evans
Administrative Assistant, Sonia Spencer

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

Director, Dr. Katherine Evans
kevans@stmaryfred.org

OUTREACH

Director, Elena Doyle

BAPTISMS

Parish registration (90 days) and class required.
Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at
least four weeks in advance.

MARRIAGE

Parish registration required; contact the parish six months
in advance to begin preparation or Margaret Bereit
margaret@stmaryfred.org

Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication.
Send articles to bulletin@stmaryfred.org. Thanks!

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception
1009 Stafford Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

holy cross academy

Grandparents Day and Family Service Hours Program

HCA builds strong partnerships and a vibrant faith-filled community through our Family Service Hours Program.

At Holy Cross Academy, we are blessed by the partnership of our families. Your service is a vital part of the mission we share—to nurture a joyful, faith-filled community where students grow in virtue, leadership, and love of Christ. Each PreKindergartener to 8th grade family is asked to contribute eight (8) service hours during the school year, helping strengthen the programs and events that make HCA such a vibrant place for our children. The time family members spend on campus gives them a joyful glimpse into their child's daily life—meeting friends, seeing learning in action, and experiencing the heart of HCA firsthand.

Parents, guardians, and other adult family members may complete service hours. Supervisors of children on or off campus must be background-check compliant and Virtus-trained. Details are available through the office, the business manager, or on our school website.

Families can fulfill their hours by supporting school events, assisting with activities, or volunteering in roles that enrich our community life. Tracking forms should be submitted by May 15 for 8th-grade families and by the end of May for PreK–7.

Today, we offer a special and heartfelt thank you to our grandparents—the quiet heroes who give so much of their time, compassion, and joy to our school. Many visit campus to spend treasured moments with their grandchildren, and many also volunteer countless hours in support of our Family Service Hours Program. Your presence enriches our halls, your kindness blesses our students, and your service strengthens our mission. You are appreciated. You are valued. You are a gift to Holy Cross Academy. Happy National Grandparents Day!



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religious education

RELIGIOUS ED IS UNDERWAY!

We had a great RE Kick-Off last week. Students met their catechists, picked up their books, and families got to hear some highlights about the upcoming RE year. We paused RE registration last week as classes were getting off the ground, but we will re-open registration again starting tomorrow – September 21. Call the parish office or stop by for a registration form.

UPCOMING SAINTS PARADE

Calling all parents, catechists, students, and volunteers! We need your help to plan the best Saints Parade EVER! This year's parade will take place the day BEFORE Halloween, and it will be held at HCA. That means we'll have more time and more space for more FUN!!! But we need lots of help to make the parade a success. Please join us this Friday, September 25, at 6:30pm in the PLC to plan out some fun games, activities, prizes, and MORE!



8th GRADE TESTING FOR CATHOLIC HS PLACEMENT

8th grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools who are interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington need to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT). The date, time and locations are listed below.

TEST DATE: Saturday, November 14, 2026

TEST SITES: Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria
Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington
St. Paul VI High School, Chantilly
Saint John Paul the Great High School, Dumfries

TEST TIME: 8:30am - 12noon. FEE: CONTACT HIGH SCHOOL

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS: Any 8th grader attending public school, non-Catholic private schools or Catholic schools outside the Arlington Diocese.

REQUIREMENTS: Students must register on-line on the high school's website. The registration must be completed on-line by the high school's registration deadline. The testing fee should accompany the registration.

our parish

youth ministry



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AND DIVE INTO
GOD'S WORD.

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LEARN
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SMALL GROUPS

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SCRIPTURE | COMMUNITY | A LIFE ROOTED IN CHRIST



RALLY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

All high school students are invited!

For a permission slip, please contact
Tatiana.tbeltan@stmaryfred.org

a day filled with faith and fun:

- Mass with Bishop Burbidge
- Keynote Speaker Chris Bray
- Breakout Sessions
- Confessions & Adoration
- Inflatable games, pizza, ice cream, and more!

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our parish you're needed

OUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

Please consider volunteering for the following ministries that need assistance!

Ushers *URGENT NEED FOR MORE USHERS*

Mission: to provide assistance to your fellow parishioners during Mass, extending a greeting, seating, serving during Holy Communion and collections.

Seeking: Friendly people! Contact: Tom Fish, headusher@stmaryfred.org

Parish Life Committee

Mission: To host and serve parish gatherings & events.
Seeking: Creative folks who enjoy being hospitable and serving others, are friendly and like to have fun!

(SEE THE AD ON THIS PAGE)

Contact: Mary Briganti,
mebriganti25@cox.net

Legion of Mary

Mission: Grow in holiness by prayer and active cooperation in the Church's work. Visiting the lonely.

Seeking: Willing souls eager to grow in faith and service to others.

Contact: Barb Frasher,
barbfrasher123@gmail.com OR Samuel Meza,
samuelmeza1230@gmail.com

Do you like **decorating** and **hosting events**?
Are you passionate about **creating community**?
Do you have a **servant's heart**?

Join the Parish Life Committee



What We Do:

The Parish Life Committee organizes events and receptions to serve our parish family.

Our Events:

- Confirmation Receptions
- Religious Education Catechist Appreciation
- Parish Leadership Dinner
- Priest Farewell Receptions
- Catholic Schools Week Educators Reception
- and more!

**Sign Up
Today!**

Interested? Contact Mary Briganti at mebriganti25@cox.net

our parish you're needed

We Welcome Your Unique Gifts!



Are you seeking...

- ... a way to deepen your relationship with Christ?
- ... to feel connected to your parish family?
- ... to be a part of something greater than yourself?

You are needed at St. Mary!

With over 80 ministries, there is something for everyone... so many ways to grow and share your faith.
NOW is the time to become an active participant in your parish family!

How does one even begin to discern how or where to serve? We can help! Members of the Stewardship Committee are happy to meet with you and discuss your gifts and talents, and how they match up with current needs within the many ministries and opportunities here at St. Mary's. (The following page has many ministries listed within particular charisms.)

Take the first step by filling out the form below. Return it to the parish office or put it into the collection basket at Mass so that we can schedule a time to meet with you and help you decide!

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Best Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Preference to Meet (i.e. day of the week/morning/afternoon/evenings)

Identify below any area(s) that you can relate to:

- | | |
|---|--|
| ☐ I like teaching/evangelizing | ☐ I am drawn to pro-life work |
| ☐ I feel drawn to working with the poor/homeless | ☐ I am organized and like planning |
| ☐ I have and/or yearn for a deeper prayer life | ☐ I love music |
| ☐ I am a writer and like to encourage others | ☐ I like spending time with the elderly |
| ☐ I am outgoing and welcoming | ☐ I like spending time with children |
| ☐ other (write below) | ☐ I am crafty |

Esta página está disponible en español. Por favor, visite la oficina parroquial.
Please contact the Stewardship Committee with your questions: stewardship@stmaryfred.org.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOME ASSISTANCE DISCERNING WHAT MINISTRY MIGHT BE THE BEST FIT FOR YOU, OUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM IS HERE TO SERVE YOU. WE ARE HAPPY TO MEET WITH YOU TO HELP GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE MANY OPTIONS. FILL OUT THIS FORM AND DROP IT OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR IN COLLECTION BASKET. GOD BLESS YOU!

our parish

2026 volunteers

2026 Volunteers of the Year

St. Mary's is proud to honor the following individuals this year as Volunteers of the Year for their remarkable service to the parish and ministries. Each one has selflessly given countless hours in building up the kingdom of God. Truly their lives are lead in the service of others,

Fr. Mosimann and those attending the 5pm Mass this Sunday will honor them in person followed by a lovely dinner at Renato's with Father and their family members. Please take a moment to congratulate and thank them!

May God Reward each for their goodness!

Volunteers of the Year

Cecila & Mario Alas

- Contributors and leaders in the Hispanic Ministry since its inception at
- St. Mary's over 15 years ago
- Faithful leaders assisting with the Spanish convalidation program
- Primary instructors of Natural Family Planning to the Hispanic community for 15 years
- Lectors
- Always willing to serve in the community when called upon- WITH JOY!!!

Domingo Bautista

- Devoted over 10 years of service to the Hispanic Ministry always with JOY
- Served as a leader of various groups and apostolates
- Music and choir – leading the music for many activities -prayer & retreats
- TMIY – 4th year leading the Spanish Team & encouraging young men in their faith by his example – always extending a welcoming spirit
- Monthly Spanish adoration

Mary Briganti

- Faithful and dedicated presence in youth ministry for 8 years
- A servant's heart and willingness to step in wherever needed
- Served as adult leader for Feminine Genius for 5 years
- Adult leader for youth retreats and conferences
- Volunteers at Mary's Shelter and Birthright
- Thanks be to God -Mary has just volunteered to lead the Parish Life Committee!

Ryan Feather

- Faithfully served in High School Youth Group for 12 years!
- A steady presence at Sunday high school & middle school youth groups
- A fantastic mentor for the boys!
- Served at Workcamp, mission trips, retreats and conferences
- Thanks be to God – Ryan has just volunteered to lead out Young Adults Group

Bob Jankovits

- Served twice as the Grand Knight for St. Mary's Council 4034
- Served as District Warden for several years
- President of the Fredericksburg Columbus Club for over a decade
- VA State Delegate to the Supreme Convention
- Faithful volunteer to the parish supporting; Parish Picnic, Christmas Tree sales, KOVAR, Parish Dinners and all K of C activities
- Serves as an Usher

Lizette & Samuel Meza

- Long-time dedicated members of St. Mary faithfully serving in the marriage ministry within the Hispanic Ministry and working with couples seeking to convalidate their marriages.
- Lizette has been a youth ministry ambassador – passionately promoting youth ministry within the Hispanic community and volunteering in many capacities – always willing to serve!
- Samuel has been leading the Spanish Legion of Mary as President for many years – ensuring that those in nursing homes or unable to attend Mass receive sacraments and are not forgotten by visiting and accompanying them.

our parish of the year

Ann Misener

- Dedicated member of the Legion of Mary for over 17 years!!!
- Visiting Nursing Homes, rehab facilities and bringing comfort and the Word of God to our elderly brothers & sisters
- Volunteer in support of the OCIA program for 10 years!
- Serves as Eucharistic Minister

Amy & Rob Pata

- Faithful volunteers supporting OCIA small groups for 7+ years and mentoring those seeking to become Catholic
- TMIY Group leader
- St. Vincent de Paul interviewer Thursday evenings and store volunteer.
- Eucharistic Minister

Kathy Salidino

- CCW member and leader for over 18 years!
- Coordinated Circle of Love providing transportation for seniors to Mass and doctor appointments for over 15 years
- Coordinated the Lenten Soup Supper for 3 years
- CCW Yard sale coordinator, corresponding secretary
- Interfaith Council Rep for St. Mary's and help to coordinate School Dressing Days for 2 years.

Lisa Sarber

- Leader and coordinator of Walking with Purpose for over 8 years! Bringing bible studies to hundreds of women seeking to learn more about the Lord and deepen their faith!
- Eucharistic Minister – bringing Holy Communion to nursing homes and the home bound.
- Assistant Sacristan – always willing to help set-up Holy Mass.

Lifetime Awardee

Elaine Stanislawski

- Has worked at St. Mary's for over 31 years! She will be retiring this October
- Served as the Business Manager — juggling a thousand things!
- Has served with and for over 50 priests and seminarians
- Lay-Carmelite
- Lector
- Leader of Pro-Life Ministry
- Heart for service and a love for the Lord
- Steady presence who will be missed more than words can express and a treasure to our parish!!!!

Fullness of Joy Awards

Michael Craig & Mary Pelham

Both of these recipients have served faithfully at the 12:30pm Mass EVERY SUNDAY for many years as greeters! They greet everyone who enters the church with a smile and a liturgy sheet. Following Mass they clean up the pews taking extra care to gather any liturgy sheet left and straighten out the missals. Michael and Mary take their service very seriously and spread JOY to all those around them!



our parish

happenings

SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PARISH PICNIC

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, AND SIDES PROVIDED!

LIVE BAND

INFLATABLES

FACE PAINTING

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...AND BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...THE ANIMAL TRAIN!

DONATIONS WELCOME LAST NAME A-M - CHIPS N-Z DESSERTS

**FREE
EVENT!**

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 3**

HCA | 250 STAFFORD LAKES PARKWAY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**SET UP CREW
FOOD SERVERS
BARTENDERS
COTTON CANDY SERVERS**



**POPCORN SERVERS
COOKING CREW
TRASH DETAIL
CLEAN UP CREW**

**FILL A SPOT AT
[BIT.LY/VOLUNTEERSTMARY](https://bit.ly/volunteerstmary)**



our parish happenings

Respect Life Sunday National Life Chain

Sunday, October 4 | Annual Life Chain 2-3:30pm

What is a Life Chain?

The first Life Chain, born through prayer, was built in 1987 by Please Let Me Live, a small pro-life ministry in Yuba City, California. From its small beginning, the Life Chain has grown to over 1,800 Life Chains in the United States and Canada, and is a call to the Christian Church to mobilize against an abortion holocaust that has claimed over 65 million lives worldwide, through surgical abortion. The Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, silent demonstration. Hundreds of Christians – clergy and lay people -- stand 25 to 50 feet apart to form a prayer chain and hold signs reading Abortion Kills Children, Jesus Forgives and Heals, Adoption: The Loving Option, Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation, Life: The First Inalienable Right. This powerful, visual impact not only raises community awareness but has also been credited with saving children's lives. Consider the words of Pope Saint John Paul II who said, "When life before birth is attacked, we will stand up. No one ever has the authority to destroy unborn human life."

St. Mary Parish will again participate in the Annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 4 and welcomes all our parishioners and local churches as well. We will meet in front of the Parish Life Center at 1:45pm to pick up our signs and walk up to Emancipation Highway (Route 1), where we will form a chain along Route 1 from Stafford Avenue to College Avenue. Please join us and take a stand for the unborn.

Volunteers Needed for the Brisben Center Kids Club

We are thrilled to be working with the Brisben Center once more in support of the children! The Kids Club takes place EVERY Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 thru December 16. Join us in crafting, playing games and having some outdoor fun as well as reading and giving some homework help to the children at the Center.

If you can encourage kids and like to have fun - this is the perfect ministry for you!

Looking for volunteers 18 years or older.

7th-8th graders students preparing for confirmation are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

Any questions, please reach out to Sydney McDonald sydjim92@msn.com or Elena Doyle at 540-373-6491
SIGN-UP AT: bit.ly/4hVJX53

St. Monica Prayer Club

All are welcome to join the St. Monica Prayer Group on Saturday, October 10th, following the 9am Mass (9:45-11am) in the Parish Office Library. The mission of the St. Monica's Prayer Group is to provide a community for Catholics to pray for loved ones (children, parents, spouses, extended family) who have strayed from the faith, to provide encouragement, and to assist each other in our growth in holiness.

We will pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary, then discuss a chapter from the book, The Saint Monica Club, by Maggie Green, which is available on Amazon. For more information, please contact Megan Kimbrell at st.monica.club@gmail.com.

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Adult BIBLE Studies Fall 2026

When You Pray:

A clear path to a deeper relationship with God

Dr. Edward Sri, Ascension Press

Offered Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

Various times and locations

from October 19 - December 14, 2026

Cost is \$30; register in the parish office

Limited space available



Isaiah

Ignatius Catholic Study Bible Workbook

Offered Tuesdays from 12:45 pm - 2:15 pm

at the St. Nicholas House

from October 20 until completion

No cost, but please register in the parish office

For more information,
contact: Bryan Richardson
br22406@cox.net

our parish happenings

Ready for an awesome night?

Join Fr. Joseph & the Team
for DC United Faith Night!



10/24/26 ⚽ 7:30 pm

Audi Field

Doors open at 6:00 pm



**Includes a post-game faith testimonial/
Q&A with players, led by the team chaplain**

Come for the soccer - stay for the inspiration!

**Reserve your \$35 ticket today!
October 1st deadline**

Transportation not provided
Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult
Drop off a check payable to St. Mary with DC United
in the memo or cash in a marked envelope
Questions: email tbeltran@stmaryfred.org,
call (540) 373-6491 or stop by the Parish office



Retiro Católico Carismático

**¿DÓNDE ESTA TU
TESORO** *ahí estará*
También TU CORAZÓN

— Mateo 6:21 —

10 DE OCTUBRE DE 2026

8:00am-5:00pm

**VEN Y VIVE UN ENCUENTRO CON EL SEÑOR
QUE RENUEVE TU FÉ.**

**Santa Misa
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4034 PRESENT



JOIN US FROM 5:30 - 8PM

**ALL PROCEEDS USED TO
UPGRADE THE PLC KITCHEN**

PRICE: ADULTS/TEENS - \$15

SENIORS (60+) - \$12

CHILDREN (7-12) - \$10

MAXIMUM COST PRE FAMILY - \$50



CASH BAR (BEER & WINE) | MUST BE 21+ TO ORDER

NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED TO LEAVE PREMISES



our parish happenings

Art Workshop for Loss of a Grandparent

Elementary-aged children – no art experience necessary.

The goal of Mary Washington Grief Support Services is to nurture individuals and families along their grief journey. All our services are **FREE** thanks to generous grants and donations from the local community. Registration is required.



Kids and their parent/guardian will:

- Explore their feelings about the loss through art-based activities.
- Have an opportunity to connect with others who have experienced grandparent loss.
- Find ways to remember and connect to their grandparent.

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Tompkins-Martin Medical Plaza
1101 Sam Perry Blvd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Registration required. Space is limited.

A parent/guardian must accompany the child(ren) to the event.

For more information or to register contact Mary Beaven, LCSW at 540-205-0502 or mary.beaven@mwhc.com.



“Art speaks where words are unable to explain.”

~Pam Holland



Mary Washington
Grief Support Services



operations given in love

In Pew & Mail Donations Received September 1-8

Sunday Offertory	\$32,539.00
Columbia Earthquake	\$365.00
Little Sisters of the Poor	\$345.00
Parish Debt Reduction	\$8,622.00
Religious Education Collection	\$240.00
Poor Box St. Vincent de Paul	\$407.00

Masses were offered in August for the following unscheduled intentions: Ryan Malanga, +Eugene Kobylarz, Father Joseph, Father James Parker, George Goodman, +Michael Barood, +Robert Pace, Clara Ann Norman, + Ann Doyle, + Mona Sacilotto, +Mark Ristow, +Carl Mugnolo, +Margaret Appleman, +John Bailey, +Harold Wagner, and +Bruce Hedrick.

Thank you for your generosity!

Porto Charities Annual Collection for God's Special Children

October 3 & 4

The month of October has been designated as Disabilities Awareness Month, and Bishop Burbidge has enthusiastically endorsed Porto Charities "Special Kids, Special Needs Collection" on behalf of intellectually and developmentally challenged youth within the diocese. 100% of ALL donations become grants awarded to Catholic schools right here in our Diocese so that they may start new programs to welcome students with disabilities, or expand their current services for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our parish has also been blessed to have received a grant from Porto Charities for our SPRED Program for the past three years. On October 3 and October 4 there will be a second collection to assist these special need programs. The Bishop has sanctioned this collection as a blessing for God's Special Children, their families and this entire diocese. Please be generous in your support of this worthwhile endeavor. All checks should be made payable to St. Mary Catholic Church. For more information, visit portocharities.org.

Pro Life Reflection

In The Gospel of Life, Pope St. John Paul II commends "brave mothers... who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to [their children] the best of themselves" (EV 86). As members of the Body of Christ, we have a responsibility to help mothers do just that. And there are simple ways we can help mothers who desire to pursue educational achievements. We can offer to babysit or do the grocery shopping, so a mom has time to attend an evening class or study for an exam. We can advocate for colleges and universities to provide flexibility for parenting students. We can do these and so many other things. Most importantly, we can pray for mothers to be given the grace and the support they need, and for the wisdom to know how we can help.

Children's Charity for September

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of September will be donated to Stafford Junction. In 2002, the Stafford County Sheriff's Department assessed the Olde Forge community, which was known for its high crime rate. The evaluation identified several challenges such as poverty, domestic violence, substance abuse, unsupervised children, and the arrival of non-English speaking and refugee families. In response, the Sheriff's Department launched a call for action that led to the establishment of Stafford Junction, a non-profit organization with a faith-based approach focused on enhancing the well-being of children and families in low-income regions of Stafford County. Stafford Junction's programs prioritize education, nutrition, and healthy living. Its goal is to improve the lives of those living in low-resource areas by providing them with a path to a better future. For more information, visit their website at staffordjunction.org. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from the envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.



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Saint Mary Prayer List - September

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Aidan Lane, Allyson Reilly, Bruce Bornschein, Christopher Risetto, Drew LoRusso, Jack Smith, Jacob Moser, Jason Stoker, Joanne Doyle, Logan Leslie, Loretta Dice, Margaret Hein, Margaret Murphy, Maria Mangini, Maryanne Logan, Michael Fedowitz III, Robert Hein, Robin Assouad, Shirley Bozicevic, Sue Moorefield, Veronica Bonder, Wayne Winters, Charles Boyer, Steve DeWitt, Joseph Krieg, Theresa & Kieth Kovalefsky, Mandy James+, David Carr+

Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services, especially: Joseph Gardner, Glenn Dickinson, Paul Fischer, Jamal Williams, Lance Schulte, Brian Hellmann, Patrick Fenton, David James, Shawn Tupta, Vincent Petillo, Christopher Johnson III, Patrick Desmond, Andrew M. Smith, Mindy Hakenson, Xavier Alas, Anthony Howell, John Anthenor, Andrew Dowdy, Sean McCullum, Josue Bermudez, Julio A. Alarcon, Gabe Gonzalez, Shawn Herr, Logan Mullins, Greg Feroldi, Tyler Wood, Frank Spatt Jr., Thomas Wickham, Hunter Keiser, Sean Jobes, Michael Scott, Samuel Hoffman, Andrew Qualls, Matt Gioia, Jennifer Brothers, Jack Merker, Lieutenant Ashton Briganti, 2nd Lieutenant Tazman Briganti, Davon Bare, John Fartro, Michael Fedowitz Jr., Eric Menser, Sean Penczak, Will Atkins, Elijah Hornback, Dominic Marsillo, Fr. Sean Koehr, Staff Sergeant Sean Walker Brown, Kenneth Linstrom, Lt. Gregory Odland, Andrew Doyle, Olav Brooks, Gabriel Sanger, Josh Lawson, David Brown, Annah Brown, Joshua Brown, Diego Esparza, Brian Inguanti, John Paul Frasher, 1LT Justin Addis, Liam Crowley, Josh Martin, Benjamin Matarese, Matthew P. Sampson, Benjamin Whatley, Devlin Buszta, AIC Jordan Metz, AMN Logan Metz, Michael Luciani, SRA Ryan Metz, Zachary Butts, Devlin Buszta

Please pray also for those who have died, especially the benefactors of Saint Mary Church.

St. Mary Prayer List

As a reminder, we will update our prayer list in the bulletin as a monthly listing. If you would like to include a person on the prayer list, please email Ann Skinner at askinner@stmaryfred.org

Your intention will be included for the month. If you would like your intention to remain, please reach back out and we will happily include it for an additional month.

Did you know.... Our parishioners gather every Wednesday at 3pm – The Hour of Great Mercy - to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet?

All are warmly welcome to spend time in Adoration in the church and join in this powerful devotion.

"Jesus, I trust in You"



Mass Intentions

Please remember, Mass intentions may be requested at the parish office for any remaining Masses of the year. If a desired date is no longer available, you are welcome to request an intention that is "unscheduled," and one of the priests will gladly celebrate Mass for your intention at an extra Mass during the week or as a concelebrant.

Daily Mass Intentions

September

21 MONDAY

6:30am Andrew Mack+
9:00am Michael Kwiatkowski+
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

22 TUESDAY

6:30am Clodualdo Arce+
9:00am David Spellman+
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21

23 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Olivia Carrisalez King+
8:15am* Jack Forsyth
9:00am Robert Bartolomucci
Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

24 THURSDAY

6:30am Robert Gibling
9:00am Patrick Leo Petro, Sr.+
Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

25 FRIDAY

6:30am William Hctor, Sr.+
9:00am Maureen Weeks+
Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

26 SATURDAY

9:00am Christopher & Tana Michalski
5:00pm Felix Galendez+
7:00pm Pat Arvai+
Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45

27 SUNDAY

7:00am Thomas Faleskie+
8:30am For Our Parish
8:30am* Helen & Jerome Daley+
10:30am Margaret Bereit
10:30am* Our Military Living & Deceased
12:30pm Brian & Judy Hellmann
2:30pm Emiliano Rios+
5:00pm Harry & Agnes Noon+
7:00pm Craig Senfield+
Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32

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